

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Martin E. **BANTON** **GROUP:** 2609

APPLICATION: 10/717,824 **EXAMINER:** A. Woldemariam

FILED: November 20, 2003 **CONFIRMATION:** 8574

**FOR: METHOD FOR DESIGNING NEARLY CIRCULARLY SYMMETRIC
DESCREENER FILTERS THAT CAN BE EFFICIENTLY
IMPLEMENTED IN VLIW (VERY LONG INSTRUCTION WORD)
MEDIA PROCESSORS**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Various telephonic interviews were held on March 28, 2008 with Examiner Woldemariam and Supervisor Ahmed, during which time, the undersigned, Examiner Woldemariam, and Supervisor Ahmed the authorized Examiner's Amendments of February 29, 2008.

During the telephonic interviews of March 28, 2008, Supervisor Ahmed indicated that the Applicant's Amendments under 35 U.S.C. §312(a) were improper because the Applicant failed to strike out the amendments by Examiner Woldemariam. Moreover, Supervisor Ahmed indicated that the Applicant's Amendments under 35 U.S.C. §312(a) raised issues with respect to 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

In discussing the issues, the undersigned challenged the Examiner's authorization with respect to the amendments of February 29, 2008 in view of the undersigned's contemporaneously submitted Interview Summary, submitted on February 13, 2008, immediately following the interview of February 13, 2008, wherein the undersigned's contemporaneously submitted Interview Summary clearly delineated the agreed upon amendments.

Supervisor Ahmed apparently indicated that he had not seen the undersigned's contemporaneously submitted Interview Summary which clearly delineated the agreed upon amendments.

After a long discussion regarding the unauthorized amendments, Supervisor Ahmed indicated there were only three options: allow the case to issue with unauthorized amendments; the Applicant file an RCE to withdraw the application from issuance; or the Examiner would withdraw the Notice of Allowance and cause the case to go abandon.

The undersigned questioned why the Supervisor would allow a case to issue with unauthorized amendments. The Supervisor indicated that the only other option was to cause the case to go abandoned upon the withdrawal of the Notice of Allowance in view of the Final Office Action previously issued by the Examiner.

The undersigned argued that withdrawing the Notice of Allowance did not cause the application to revert back to being under Final rejection. The application would be merely withdrawn from allowance and the Examiner would be required to issue a new Office Action. Moreover, in the Interview of February 13, 2008, Examiner Woldemariam indicated to the undersigned that the finality of the Office Action, dated October 18, 2007, was withdrawn. This indication was noted in the undersigned's contemporaneously submitted Interview Summary of February 13, 2008.

The discussions ended with Supervisor Ahmed indicating that he would do more research with respect to the Office's options in handling this matter and would contact the undersigned after conducting the research.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Nickerson', with a stylized, flowing script.

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